(c) whether there are any administrative problems or obstacles in completing the election of CCIM; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to overcome these hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Election in all States has not been completed.

(c) Updating of state register of Indian Medicine; frequent change of the Returning Officer and court cases have been delaying the process of election.

(d) The State Governments have been advised to update the register expeditiously and allow Returning Officers appointed to complete election process.

Annual population growth

2281. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are twelve major States where the annual population growth has been 1.5 percent or above during the last decade of 1991-2001;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the last decade, Andhra Pradesh has achieved the sharpest decline in the annual growth rate of population from 2.2 per cent during the eighties to 1.3 per cent during the nineties; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government to make the other States follow the best practices adopted in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Statement showing annual exponential growth rate for decades 1981-1991 and 1991-2001 is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) The performance of all States/UTs is monitored by Government of India and communicated to all State/UT's regularly for remedial action.

Regular meetings with the State Secretaries & implementing agencies are conducted, highlighting the best practices adopted by states with good performances.

Statement

Annual Exponential Growth Rate for Decades 1981-1991 & 1991-2001

Sr. No.	State/UT	Annual Exponential Growth Rate (%) 1981-1991	Annual Exponential Growth Rate (%) 1991-2001
	INDIA	2.14	1.93
MAJOR STATES (Population >20 millions)			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2.17	1.30
2.	Assam	2.17	1.73
3.	Bihar	2.10	2.50
4.	Chhattisgarh	2.29	1.66
5.	Gujarat	1.92	2.03
6.	Haryana	2.42	2.47
7.	Jharkhand	2.15	2.09
8.	Karnataka	1.92	1.59
9.	Kerala	1.34	0.90
10.	Madhya Pradesh	2.41	2.18
11.	Maharashtra	2.29	2.04
12.	Orissa	1.83	1.48
13.	Punjab	1.89	1.80
14.	Rajasthan	2.50	2.49
15.	Tamil Nadu	1.43	1.06
16.	Uttar Pradesh	2.28	2.30
17.	West Bengal	2.21	1.64

Source: Census of India 2001 Provisional Population totals.